

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in Conference Room C at Troy City Hall.

Roll Call

Present:	Tom Kaszubski	Hailu Robele
	Padma Kuppa	Oniell Shah
	Anju Brodbine	Cindy Stewart, City Liaison

Absent: Katie Beyer, Flora Tan, Jeff Hyun, Charles Yuan,  
Amin Hashmi, Kara Huang

“Our strength is in our unity and our richness is in our diversity”

Unity Plaza Ideas

Include all the countries (152?)

Obelisk- 11’ high  
7 sections for 7 continents  
Eternal flame, natural gas

3500 brick pavers for sale at \$85 each. Brick cost = \$20, Revenue = \$65,  
\$227,500 total revenue

This project would unite people from all faiths. This reflects Troy’s professionalism, culture and class.

Promotion: for Paver Sale—Troy Daze, Sights & Sounds  
Paver = family name, date came to Troy

Called other cities  
Farmington Hills- only during holidays a unity candle  
Sterling Heights- no display  
Ann Arbor- no display  
Southfield- multicultural display

64 blocks 2’x2’ surrounding the pavers at \$200 each

Run through Community Foundation – tax deduction.

We don’t want to open Troy up to legal conflicts and in any way divide the community with a specific religious display.

Model for presentation - International Academy of Design students donated artwork.  
Support from Parks & Rec and CCPTF.

Troy is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most diverse city in Michigan. 83 languages are spoken here & we have 54 religious institutions.

Other groups polled- general population:  
90% opposed to religious displays  
10% in favor of religious displays

City Manager came to EIA Board with request. Board did research, spoke with all 52 Troy religious institutions. Mixed opinions (1/3 opposed, 1/3 in favor, 1/3 mixed opinions) including a display should represent all faiths vs. display should represent only Christian faiths

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Tom Kaszubski, EIA Board Chairman

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Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary